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Examiner: MEASUREMENT SYSTEM
Martir, Lilybett
Group: 2855
Docket No.: PAN-147J

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a RESPONSE in reply to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2003 in the subject application.

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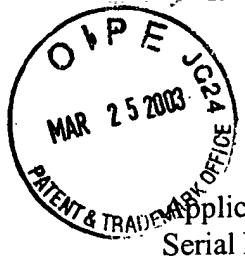
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RESPONSE

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2003 in the subject application. In response to the Office Action, the applicant submits the following remarks.

REMARKS

The applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the application and requests reexamination and reconsideration of the application in view of following remarks.

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 3, 4, 8-10, and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,598,593 to *Sheen et al.* in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,922,750 to *Magori*. The Examiner states essentially that *Sheen et al.* teaches first and second transmitter receiver pairs, a conduit, and a processor operative to correlate a tag-modulated output signal of the first and second pairs to determine a time interval representative of flow,